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**From:** Blunck, Christopher [Blunck.Chris@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/9/2018 3:30:15 PM  
**To:** Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Henry, Tala [Henry.Tala@epa.gov]; Morris, Jeff [Morris.Jeff@epa.gov]; Wise, Louise [Wise.Louise@epa.gov]; Nazef, Laura [Nazef.Laura@epa.gov]; Hanley, Mary [Hanley.Mary@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOR NB review by 11/6 if possible: Information for GLWQA Progress Report  
**Attachments:** PRP DRAFT US Annex 3 10022018\_OPPT 11\_7 rev.docx

Nancy -- Attached for your review is information relating to GLWQA Annex 3 that would be used in an upcoming GLWQA Progress Report. It reflects input from Tala and others in OPPT.

*Comments would be appreciated by next Friday, 11/16, if possible.* The product, once agreed, here would go back to Region V -- and will be formatted/edited for publication (so do not worry about format issues).

Please let us know if you've any questions or concerns. Thanks very much and have an nice long weekend (all)  
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Chris

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Henry, Tala" <Henry.Tala@epa.gov>  
**Date:** November 6, 2018 at 5:21:36 PM EST  
**To:** "Blunck, Christopher" <Blunck.Chris@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

My (lots of ) comments attached

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**From:** Blunck, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 3:37 PM

**To:** Henry, Tala <[Henry.Tala@epa.gov](mailto:Henry.Tala@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Scott, Elizabeth <[Scott.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Scott.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

Tala—see the subject draft GLWQA Annex 3 progress report, for your comment. This too will need to go to the OCSPF IO. (I have one internal q in the doc which questions whether HFCs and HCFCs are PFAS chems).

I will print this and the att out for you (for Liz to include in your travel folder).

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**From:** Nazef, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:25 PM  
**To:** Blunck, Christopher <[Blunck.Chris@epa.gov](mailto:Blunck.Chris@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

Thanks Chris. I have added comments/edits to the TRI section based on feedback from Steve Devito.

Laura

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**From:** Blunck, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:00 PM  
**To:** Nazef, Laura <[Nazef.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Nazef.Laura@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

I added a clause one place re the Deca/PBT rule issue, and re mercury storage

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**From:** Nazef, Laura  
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**To:** Blunck, Christopher <[Blunck.Chris@epa.gov](mailto:Blunck.Chris@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

Thanks Chris. This progress report will be available to the public. Not sure what the review requirements are if most of the info is from the website.

On PBTs – it looks like the text is from our website: <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/persistent-bioaccumulative-and-toxic-pbt-chemicals-under>  
Should additional text be added for context?

I will look into the mercury storage issue – there is one EPA website for a lot of mercury info so they might have taken it from there.

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**From:** Blunck, Christopher  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:59 PM  
**To:** Nazef, Laura <[Nazef.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Nazef.Laura@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

Laura -- In the attached are a few comments/observations – I've not pursued OK by Tala or anyone else so if that is needed it will take longer.

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**From:** Nazef, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 4, 2018 3:24 PM  
**To:** Blunck, Christopher <[Blunck.Chris@epa.gov](mailto:Blunck.Chris@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

Hi Chris,

Related to the GL progress report, a couple of days ago R5 followed up with the attached compilation, which includes the info below from our website plus additional info about other programs. I have edited some of the introductory info about TSCA. Please let me know if this looks ok. .

We don't have any recent activities to share about SCCPs or PCBs. I asked CCD if we have info on the PFAS new chemical submissions/actions readily available, and they did provide some stats, but noted that this isn't something generally made public (this will be a publicly available report) and would need OD approval. I'm not sure it's absolutely necessary to provide this info for this progress report, though.

Region 5 has asked for comments by October 10, which I don't know is doable given the holiday. However, since much of this is from our website maybe review won't take too long? Hoping we can provide something to them.

Thanks and have a great weekend!  
Laura

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**From:** Blunck, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 7:46 PM  
**To:** Nazef, Laura <[Nazef.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Nazef.Laura@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Information for GLWQA Progress Report

See some reactions below.

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**From:** Nazef, Laura  
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**To:** Blunck, Christopher <[Blunck.Chris@epa.gov](mailto:Blunck.Chris@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Information for GLWQA Progress Report

Hi Chris,

Region 5 is compiling information on EPA's activities in 2016-2018 for the section on Chemicals of Mutual Concern of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Progress Report. Under the GLQWA, the Parties are required to issue a progress report every three years "to document actions relating to this Agreement". The report is provided to the public and the International Joint Commission.

Could Region 5 use the following information from EPA's website for the six CMCs? They seem to prefer this short bullet format, but do you think more explanatory text (also from our website) would be useful for some of these activities? It looks OK as is, but would defer to you if you think too little; I've not looked at our sites. Note that there are also a few specific questions from the Region on some of these (*in italics*). For PCBs and SCCPs, I think they are correct that there are no activities in the reporting timeframe. I think so too, but could ask Divs to confirm. Also, OLEM does PCB wastes/disposal. Related to the question under PFAS, do we typically provide this type of information on new chemicals? *We have provided info like this to the public – see, for example, TSCA discussion at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-laws-and-regulations>.*

Thanks, Laura

### Mercury

- June 2018: EPA issued a final rule to require reporting from persons who manufacture (including import) mercury or mercury-added products, or otherwise intentionally use mercury in a manufacturing process. This final rule supports future, triennial publications of the inventory.
- October 2017: As required under the amended TSCA, EPA proposed a rule to require reporting from persons who manufacture (including import) mercury or mercury-added products, or otherwise intentionally use mercury in a manufacturing process.
- March 2017: As directed by the recent amendments to TSCA, EPA published an initial inventory report of mercury supply, use and trade in the United States
- August 2016: As directed by the recent amendments to TSCA, EPA released a list of mercury compounds that are prohibited from export

### PCBs

*The link on the TSCA website did not work, but at <https://www.epa.gov/pCBS>, I did not find anything relevant between 2016-2018 for PCBs. Please verify if this is correct.*

### PBDEs

- June 2018: EPA released a draft Exposure and Use Assessment for decaBDE
- September 2017: EPA hosted a webinar on the "Use Information for Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) Chemicals under TSCA Section 6(h)"
- August 2017: EPA released a Use Document for decaBDE
- June 2016: DecaBDE was identified as one of five persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals to undergo a use and exposure assessment under amended TSCA

### SCCPs

*Could not find anything relevant between 2016-2018 for SCCPs. Please verify that this is correct*

### PFAS

*Many of the actions summarized on the website were not specific to TSCA, except for the PFOA Stewardship Program which, I assume, had no updates between 2016-2018. Do you have any*

*updates on the proposed PFOA SNUR or the number of PMNs received for PFAS compounds between 2016-2018? And how many of those were addressed through an order or SNUR?*

- September 2018: EPA developed groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA/PFOS
- July 2018: EPA updated its Drinking Water Treatability Database for multiple PFAS
- May 2018: EPA hosted a PFAS National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. to take action on PFAS in the environment
- May 2018: EPA outlined drinking water treatment processes for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water
- May 2016: EPA announced the lifetime health advisories for PFOA and PFOS of 70 ppt for both PFOA and PFOS

#### HBCD

- June 2018: EPA published the Problem Formulation of the Risk Evaluation for the HBCD Cluster.
- June 2017: EPA published the Scope Document of the Risk Evaluation for the HBCD Cluster.
- December 2016: EPA designated HBCD as one of the first ten chemicals to be evaluated for risk under the amended TSCA.
- November 2016: EPA finalized a rule adding HBCD to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) list of reportable chemicals.